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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINR, WHO  
SUBJECT: WHO - MISSION STRATEGY WITH RESPECT TO THE  
DRAFT ARAB RESOLUTION ON ISRAEL

REFERENCE: A. GENEVA 7238; B. GENEVA 7389

1. WITH RESPECT TO REF B, THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR HAS  
EXPRESSED ISRAELI CONCERN OVER THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. IN THE PREAMBULATORY SECTION, PARAGRAPH A 3, IT IS  
RECOMMENDED THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE BE MADE A PERMANENT  
FIXTURE IN EFFECT WHICH WOULD CONTINUOUSLY MONITOR HEALTH  
CONDITIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

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B. PARAGRAPH B 1 ASKS THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO COLLABO-  
RATE WITH THE PLO IN ORDER TO BRING NECESSARY HELP TO THE  
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

C. B 3 REFERS TO ARAB ORGANIZATIONS SET UP IN THE OCCU-  
PIED TERRITORIES THROUGH WHICH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL IS  
CALLED TO CHANNEL RESOURCES IN ORDER TO MAKE GOOD THE

INSUFFICIENCY OF HEALTH SERVICES AND TO DO THIS WITHOUT INTERVENTION OF THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES.

D. ALL OF SECTION C WHICH THE ISRAELIS FEEL WITH JUSTIFICATION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS AND IS A COMPLETELY UNJUSTIFIED POLITICAL ATTACK. IN PARTICULAR, THOUGH, HOWEVER, THEY ARE CONCERNED WITH THE EFFORT TO USE THE WHO AS A VEHICLE TO ATTACK THE QUESTION OF ISRAELI COLONIES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. ABOVE ALL, THEY ARE CONCERNED WITH PARAGRAPH C 5 WHICH CONTEMPLATES THE POSSIBLE APPLICATION OF MEASURES PROVIDED FOR BY THE CONSTITUTION -- A NOT SO VEILED REFERENCE TO ARTICLE 7.

2. AS ALREADY REPORTED BY THE MISSION, THE ARAB THEMSELVES ARE SPLIT ON HOW TO HANDLE THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS REPORT TO THE WHA. THE DANGER, OF COURSE, IS THAT IF THE ARAB RADICALS CAN GET THE OAU TO AGREE INITIALLY TO ACCEPT THE LANGUAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION, IT THEN PUTS TREMENDOUS PRESSURE ON THE REST OF THE G-77 TO FALL IN LINE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THEIR POLITICAL COHESION. HOPEFULLY, THE ARAB MODERATES WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE THEIR INFLUENCE FELT, BUT THE FINAL DANGER IS THAT, ONCE A RESOLUTION LIKE THIS GETS TO THE FLOOR OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE OUTCOME IS UNPREDICTABLE.

3. THE MISSION HAS SO FAR UNDERTAKEN THE FOLLOWING STEPS:  
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A. WE ARE GETTING IN TOUCH WITH KEY GROUP B COUNTRIES AND REQUESTING THEM TO JOIN US IN EXPRESSING IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY OUR CONCERN THAT NOTHING BE DONE WHICH WOULD TEND TO POLITICIZE THE WHO, PARTICULARLY WE ALL PLAN TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS HAS VISITED THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, HAS PREPARED ITS REPORT, AND THAT WE HOPE THAT THE ASSEMBLY CAN ACCEPT IT, TAKE NOTE OF IT, PERHAPS EVEN COMMENT ON IT, BUT THAT IT WILL ULTIMATELY TURN BACK TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOLLOWING HEALTH CONDITIONS IN ISRAEL. THIS VIEW, IN FACT, CONFORMS TO THAT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL.

B. MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WILL, IN ADDITION, APPROACH THE FOLLOWING AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO MAKE DIRECTLY THE SAME POINT AND EXPRESS MORE DEFINITELY OUR CONCERN THAT ANY RESOLUTION WHICH RESULTS IN THE INVOCATION OF ARTICLE 7 WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO US: SOMALIA, LIBERIA, ZAIRE, SWAZILAND-BOTSWANA, KENYA, SENEGAL, NIGERIA, IVORY COAST, AND MAURITANIA.

C. I, ACCOMPANIED BY APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF THE DELE-

GATION WILL, IF POSSIBLE, CALL ON DR. MAHLER, SATURDAY, MAY 13, TO DISCUSS THE ARAB RESOLUTION WITH HIM AND GET HIS VIEWS ON HOW BEST TO MOVE, USING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE SECRETARIAT IN ORDER TO COUNTER ITS PERNICIOUS EFFECTS.

4. IN THE MEANTIME, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER THE APPROPRIATENESS OF SENDING TELEGRAMS TO THE CAPITALS OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED AFRICAN STATES, AS WELL AS OTHER KEY G-77 CAPITALS. WE SEE A DANGER HERE, HOWEVER, IN OVER-REACTING AND UNNECESSARILY USING UP MUCH OF THE GOOD WILL THAT WAS CREATED BY THE VISIT OF SECRETARY CALIFANO AND THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ON INTERNATIONAL HEALTH.

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5. MISSION WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS ISSUE WITH CARE.  
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